



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Jonnie R. WILLIAMS)
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Serial No.: Not Assigned) Group Art Unit: 1731
Continuation of Serial No. 09/397,018)
) Examiner: Colaiani, M.
Filed: Herewith)
) Atty. Dkt. No.: 04859.00006
For: IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING)
TOBACCO TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE)
CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED)
THEREBY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1 under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications," after "This application" please insert --is a continuation of Application No. 09/397,018, filed September 15, 1999, which--.

At page 1, line 6, after "September 15, 1998, and" please insert --which--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-28 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 29-61 as follows.